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I first heard about him last June or July, when a diplomat said he had heard that this former East editor was employed by the Information Administration as a propaganda consultant. I requested a report from the Berlin Document Center, which was forwarded to you and the files.

Von Leers' name came up about two weeks ago when Adolph Sabat of the "Political and Economic Review" casually mentioned him at a dinner party. Sabat said Von Leers asked him for some extra work and represented himself as a German free-lance. Sabat mentioned that Von Leers was reported to be an ex-Nazi propagandist, "but these people aren't important anymore". Evidently Sabat belabored the point a bit, perhaps for my benefit.

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